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Dear Readers:—Are you trying to decide what to buy as a Christmas present for pastor, Sunday-school teacher, husband, wife, or friend? Nothing could be more suitable than “Farrar’s Life of Christ,” as offered by our Publication Committee to those securing subscribers for the HELPER. Nicely bound and finely illustrated, this standard work would be received with *great pleasure* by anybody. See Publisher’s Notes in November number. . . . Don’t look through this number and say, “Nothing but reports,” and leave it unread. It is impossible to be interested in what we know nothing about. One of our greatest denominational needs to-day is better knowledge of our own work. This has been proved to us over and over again during the past year, as we have visited our churches in many different States. Many of our people know nothing of the widespread organized work of the Woman’s Missionary Society, and such must read or continue ignorant. To know nothing of affairs connected with one’s own family would be most unfortunate. If the Free Baptist family is to work efficiently and harmoniously an immediate necessity is that more knowledge of family affairs be obtained by pastors and people. Those who feel satisfied with our present denominational methods need to read to understand on what their satisfaction is based. Those who desire something different need to read to act intelligently in saving all that has been gained while securing the better.

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY,
PRESENTED AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AT HILLSDALE,
MICH., OCTOBER, 1891.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

MINUTES.

THE Free Baptist Woman's Missionary Society convened in response to a call from the recording secretary June 10, 1891, in the Free Baptist church, Hillsdale, Mich. The president, Mrs. Mary A. Davis of New Hampshire, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. T. Ward of Minnesota.

Mrs. Ruth J. Keith of Minnesota was elected secretary *pro tem*. The report of the home secretary for West and South, Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, was read and accepted.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. A. Lowell, was read by Mrs. J. M. West and accepted.

Voted, That a nominating committee be appointed, consisting of Mrs. J. M. West of Michigan, Mrs. J. T. Ward of Minnesota, Mrs. G. A. Gordon of Illinois, Mrs. Toothaker of Iowa, and Miss Salmon of New York.

The oath of office was administered to the secretary *pro tem* by Guy M. Chester, notary public.

Report of Western Committee was read by the chairman, Mrs. A. A. McKenney, and accepted. Extracts of letters from Mrs. Abbey of Nebraska were read by Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, and listened to with much interest. They gave an ac-

count of work well organized in that State, as well as some of the sacrifices made to advance it.

The reports of the Publication Committee and of the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER, Mrs. E. H. Andrews, were read and accepted. Mrs. Burlingame in earnest words brought before the society the needs and advantages of the MISSIONARY HELPER, and the necessity of enlarging its circulation in order to continue its publication without burden to the society. Mrs. M. A. Davis indorsed her words with strong appreciation of its helpfulness and importance in the work of the society.

Mrs. Burlingame moved to heartily indorse the action of the last annual meeting providing for a systematic canvass in the Yearly Meetings in the interest of the HELPER. A general discussion followed, with valuable suggestions as to methods most effective to secure success, and the motion was carried.¹ A committee of two was appointed to formulate a plan for work for those who were to be agents of the HELPER, consisting of Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. A. R. Toothaker.

Mrs. F. S. Mosher's report as chairman of committee on Children's Bands was accepted.

Voted, That Mrs. J. M. West be asked to read extracts from the Sunday-school Leaflet, which she had brought before the Society for its consideration, and explain its purpose and working.

Voted, That the society approve the Constitution and By-Laws of the Free Baptist Sunday-school Leaflets.

Voted, That a committee be appointed to devise ways to carry this plan into execution where no systematic mission work is being done in Sunday-schools. Mrs. F. S. Mosher, Mrs. J. West, and Mrs. E. S. Burlingame were appointed.

Voted, To adjourn to 3 P. M. for public meeting in the church.

¹ The following is the resolution above referred to: *Resolved*, That the president of each Yearly Meeting and Association be requested to district her section and assign to each Auxiliary or church an increase of at least one-half in the number of HELPERS now taken.

Adjourned Meeting.

The society met at 3 P. M., Oct. 7, according to adjournment, the president, Mrs. M. A. Davis, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mrs. Copp of Hillsdale. The annual address of the president was bright with cheering reports of the year's work, and happy suggestions for future service. The report of the chairman of Western Committee, Mrs. A. A. McKenney, showed advanced work, with good results throughout most of the Western Association. A condensed and satisfactory report of the treasurer, Miss L. A. DeMeritte, brought conclusive evidence to every mind that the Master still "sits over against the treasury," and by his own methods rewards the faith of loving service.

Mrs. J. M. West of Michigan spoke of the importance of work and plans for mission bands among the children, with valuable suggestions to make the work effective. She would have every Sunday-school organized for missionary work. Miss L. A. DeMeritte followed with earnest words on the practical work of the Woman's Missionary Society in its varied lines of service, with the requirements necessary to bring the greatest success the coming year. She spoke confidently of consolidation as an advance movement, which should be consummated when it should be for the interest of the whole work for men and women to work together.

Mrs. Burlingame gave an interesting report of her work in the field as general secretary, with illustrations of special helpfulness that had resulted from the society's work and needs which she so often was permitted to meet and supply. She also brought to the society many practical suggestions for the coming year's plans.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock Thursday morning, in church parlor.

Benediction by Mrs. Burlingame.

Adjourned Meeting.

Thursday, 8 o'clock A M., the society met according to adjournment, with the president, Mrs. M. A. Davis, in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. J. M. West, of Michigan.

Records of the society read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted ; and it was voted that special prayer and praise be offered for God's wondrous care over our society. A season of earnest prayer and thanksgiving followed, which was participated in by many of those present.

The minutes of the board meetings for 1890 were read and approved by the society.

The home secretary of the South and West gave the remaining items to complete her report, and it was accepted.

Voted, That Michigan be included in the division of West and South.

Report of the general secretary, Mrs. Burlingame, was full of interest, and showed the importance of her work and great faithfulness in it. Remarks of appreciation by Mrs. Mosher were followed by acceptance of the report.

Voted, That the report of the delegate, Mrs. E. S. Burlingame, to the Conference of Christian Workers be accepted.

Voted, That the report of the delegates to the Woman's National Council, Mrs. Mary A. Davis and Mrs. Emeline S. Burlingame, be accepted.

Committee on Recommendations on Consolidation reported, and it was voted that the consideration of the recommendations be made the special order for the adjourned meeting in the afternoon.

Voted, That the treasurer be authorized to make a transfer of the property called "Curtis Home," located at Ocean Park, Maine, to the Educational Bureau of Ocean Park.

Voted, That the following resolutions be adopted :

That the general secretary, Mrs. Burlingame, make a special effort when visiting Quarterly Meetings to secure the appoint-

ment of a Quarterly Meeting General Secretary, whose duty it shall be to visit the churches in the Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of forming Auxiliaries and Children's Bands, and increasing the distribution of missionary literature, including THE MISSIONARY HELPER, securing agents for the HELPER in each church if practicable, and suggesting ways by which Auxiliaries and Bands may become more interested in their work.

Committee on Nomination of Officers reported : Mrs. Mary A. Davis, Belmont, N. H., president ; Mrs. J. A. Lowell, N. H., corresponding secretary ; Mrs. Alice M. Metcalf, R. I., recording secretary ; Miss Laura A. DeMeritte, Dover, N. H., treasurer.

These received all the votes by ballot and were declared elected.

The remaining officers were elected as nominated. [For complete list see first page of report.]

Adjourned to 1.15 P. M. in church parlor.

Adjourned Meeting.

The society met according to adjournment, with the president, Mrs. M. A. Davis, in the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. I. D. Stewart.

The records of the last meeting read and approved.

The report of committee on Consolidation was read as follows :

Whereas, some common system of work seems needed throughout our churches, in order to avoid any friction among the different organizations, and to foster more sedulously the spirit and work of missions among persons of all ages, we recommend,

That in consultation with the Home Missionary, Foreign Missionary, and Education Societies, a general plan of soliciting on the card system be presented to our next General Conference, so arranged as to include the Free Baptist Foreign Mission Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, Home Missionary Society, Education Society, Young People's Societies ; and

leaving also one blank to be filled out for any special object.

That there be an equitable basis of funds between the four general societies not otherwise designated.

That we look forward with assurances of a successful consolidation, whenever General Conference is made up of men and women equitably represented.

The motion to accept the report called out warm and earnest but pleasant discussion, and was unanimously adopted.

Voted, To adjourn to the close of the afternoon service.

Adjourned Meeting.

Meeting met according to adjournment, with Mrs. M. A. Davis in the chair. Prayer by Mrs. M. J. Coldren.

Voted, That the plan for a uniform card system suited to all societies be referred to a committee of three, which in consultation with Home Mission, Foreign Mission, and Education Boards shall perfect it and present it to General Conference.

Voted, That this committee consist of Miss L. A. DeMeritte, Mrs. Porter, and Mrs. Mosher.

The committee on Children's Work reported as follows :

It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Children's Department to confer with Yearly Meeting presidents and to appoint State agents for the purpose of organizing Children's Bands and missionary work in Sunday-schools, or carrying out any other plans deemed practicable which will further missionary work.

Your committee also request that, as the Constitution provided for the Sabbath-school missionary society meets only the needs of the individual school, a committee of three be appointed to prepare a Constitution suited to Sunday-schools generally, and submit it to the next annual meeting of the society.

Voted, That the report be accepted, and Mrs. Mosher, Mrs. West, and Mrs. Burlingame compose said committee.

After earnest words of love and tender appreciation of the

worth of our dear sister, A. B. Tourtellot, the following resolutions were passed :

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. A. B. Tourtellot we recognize the loss of a dear sister and earnest co-laborer,—one whose heart ever beat in warmest sympathy with all the departments of our work, and whose hand was tireless in all Christian service.

Resolved, That we tender to the husband and daughter our most sincere condolence in the profound grief that has come to their home, and pray the great Comforter to overshadow them with his most gracious presence.

Records read and approved. Adjourned.

RUTH J. KEITH,

Recording Secretary pro tem.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

[*Mrs. J. A. Lowell.*]

INDIA.

MIDNAPORE.—BALASORE, SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE.

Miss Coombs reports : —

This has been a year of change all through our mission, and I have had my share.

The first five months were spent in the usual round of duties in the zenanas, Ragged Schools, church, and Sabbath-school. When Dr. Mary Bachelor came, as soon as she could take it, I made over the zenana work to her, and accompanied by Miss Butts went on a trip to some of the churches and schools in out-stations, attending also a Quarterly Meeting at Babaigadia. The schools at Babaigadia and vicinity were quite satisfactory, one especially, the "Brockton," showing good advancement. In this round of some sixty miles we walked nearly half the distance, as these places are situated across rice-fields, away from traveled roads.

After returning to Midnapore, the first thing to prepare for was Christmas. The gathering of the Ragged School children on our veranda was an encouraging sight, and the year's review of their Sabbath-school lessons was better than ever before. Their singing also was a great improvement on old times. The preparing and filling of two or three hundred Christmas bags is no small task, but the eager, happy faces of the recipients well repay for all trouble and fatigue.

After Christmas I went out to Palasbani. Although the school there is very small it must be kept up for the benefit of the few Christian children living there. The Bessie Peckham School near Palasbani is in a flourishing condition. At each of these out-stations we had prayer-meetings with the sisters, which were attended by several heathen women.

We learned something of the work of the Bible women at these places, and were satisfied that most of them were doing as well as could be expected. But since then we have been pained to be obliged to suspend one worker for wrong-doing.

After my return from Palasbani, I left for Balasore to help Mrs. Griffin prepare for her journey to the hills, and to carry on her work during her absence. But Mrs. Smith's illness and consequent decision to leave the country necessitated a change of plans. I was chosen to take her place at the Orphanage, and Mrs. Griffin's work was distributed among the other missionaries. This changing of plans was not without its trials. Eight years in Midnapore had attached me to the work and workers there, and it was not easy to leave. But the servant is not to choose, but must go wherever the Master calls.

As Mrs. Smith did not leave till two months after my joining her, I had an opportunity of learning something of the requirements of the institution.

For a short time after my coming there was much illness among the children, two of whom died. Since then they have been comparatively healthy. Two little girls, with no parents to care for them, have recently come to us from Hin-

duism. At present there are thirty in the Orphanage, varying in years from four to twenty; and the care of them brings a heavier responsibility than I have ever had before, and sometimes seems more than I can bear; yet I know that He who gave me this work will give the adequate strength for its performance.

The school held in our compound numbers seventy-five, all girls from the Orphanage and Christian community. The sewing classes connected with this school and the Bible instruction are under my control, but the regular teaching is done by native Christian teachers.

In addition to my other work, on each Monday morning I have a Bible class for Bible women, teachers, etc., at the chapel; on Wednesday evening comes our woman's prayer-meeting. I have also a class in Sabbath school.

I send my financial report for three months. There is a deficit; but nearly the whole year's repairs come in and over-balance the scale. The equilibrium will be restored during the coming months.

ACCOUNT OF L. C. COOMBS WITH F. B. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FROM
APRIL 1, 1891, TO JULY 1, 1891, FOR SINCLAIR ORPHANAGE, ETC.

CR.	Rs.	A.	P.	DR.	Rs.	A.	P.
Woman's Society.....	429	12	4	Teachers' salaries.....	82		
Gov't grant-in-aid.....	130			Assistant's salary.....	50		
				Repairs	155	7	3
				Support of children.....	267	14	
				Books	5	14	9
				Bible Woman.....	15		
				Carriage	14		
				Wall.....	30	10	
Deficit July 1, 1891..	71	1	8				
	630	14			630	14	

MRS. SMITH'S ACCOUNT WITH THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY FOR NINE MONTHS, FROM
JULY 1, 1890, TO MARCH 31, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	DR.			CR.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Cash through treasurer.....				967	10	2
For Hanson school.....				16	11	
From Miss Taylor for Chandi.....				60		
From Miss N. Phillips for Brinola.....				15		
Rent from Foreign Mission Board.....				60		
Miss Belyea for two orphans.....				5	4	
Grant-in-aid.....				315		
Support of child in this country.....				45		
Through Foreign Mission treasurer.....				241		
Deficit paid by Mrs. D. F. Smith.....				41	11	7
EXPENDITURES.						
Teachers' salaries.....	305					
Assistant's salary.....	180					
East Otisfield Bible Woman and Hari's pundit..	60					
Support of children, including wages of matron..	972	5	3			
Books and papers.....	14	2	9			
Repairs.....	57	9	6			
Ten poor children.....	15	6	9			
Carriage.....	30					
Building wall.....	60					
Prizes to school.....	36	7				
Balance of last year.....	36	5	6			
	1767	4	9	1767	4	9

RAGGED SCHOOLS, AND OTHER WORK.

Miss Butts says :—

With all the other work to which I ought to attend, it is impossible to do anything like justice to the Ragged Schools and work with the Bible women. Satisfactorily to superintend the Ragged Schools, one missionary should devote to them all her time. She should be able to visit them frequently, in order to become personally acquainted with teachers and pupils. There are at present sixteen of these Ragged Schools, including the schools in the Christian communities of Babaigadia, Dainmari, and Palasbani. At the end of March there were 410 pupils. Since that time the number has been reduced by the prevalence of cholera and small-pox.

The Industrial School has done its usual routine work. Of the three teachers one is a Christian. Our great lack of com-

petent teachers will, we trust, be gradually supplied when the new Balasore High School begins to send out its graduates.

Bible Women.—The two Midnapore Bible women are faithful in their work. A pair of bullocks and a garry have been purchased for their use with money sent for this purpose by friends at home. They are now able to visit villages several miles away. Here, as in other places, many women acknowledge that they no longer have faith in idols, and secretly pray to one God. During the year I have assisted in teaching the English classes of the Bible school.

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR MIDNAPORE RAGGED SCHOOLS, FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Appro. from W. M. S.....	460	14	3	Balance due July 1, 1890.	115	9	9
Gov't Grant-in aid	385			Teachers' wages.....	943	12	
Friends, Strathallen, Ont.	81	15	3	Inspector's salary and ex-			
Friends in America for				penses	130	1	
new garry.....	120	13		New garry.....	130		
J. P. Scotland, Esq.....	10			Expense for garry and			
From Bean's Corner, Me..	71	7	9	bullocks	95	11	3
S. S., Brockton, Mass.,				Prizes	29	12	3
for Brockton school....	51	12	3	Rent, taxes, and repairs..	23	12	
Auxiliary, Sutton, Vt., for				Sundries.....	6		
Harris School.....	69	15	6				
A. C. F.'s, Boston, Mass.	64	0					
S. S., Rangeley, Me.	58	1	6				
A Friend, India.....	54	5					
Surplus of special Christ-							
mas donation	25	13	6				
Sundries	2	7					
	1456	15					
Deficit July 1, 1891	17	11	3				
	1474	10	3		1474	10	3

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, MIDNAPORE, FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Bal. in hand July 1, 1890..	71	11		Teachers' wages.....	526		
From W. M. S.	396		9	Aid to poor children	41	13	3
Gov't grant-in-aid.....	135			Materials for work.....	29	3	3
Industrial sales	58	14		Supplies and repairs	26	5	9
Sundries	1	0	6	Taxes	16	4	
				Sundries	1	0	6
				Bal. in hand July 1, 1891.	21	15	6
	663		3		663		3

FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED FOR BIBLE WOMEN, FROM JULY 1, 1890, to JULY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Appro. from W. M. S.....	103	8	9	Bible Women's wages..	279	14	
"Cheerful Gleaners," Minneapolis, for garry and bullocks.....	56	12	6	Garry and bullocks.....	32		
Aux., Sutton, Vt., for Poddie.....	56			Expense of same for six months.....	43	13	6
Miss Coombs.....	25			Traveling expenses.....	5	14	
Use of garry.....	5	4		Tracts.....	3		
A Friend.....	131	12	3	Bal. in hand July 1, 1891.	13	12	
	378	5	6		378	5	6

BALASORE ZENANAS.

Dr. Nellie Phillips writes :—

The work in the zenanas for the past year has been much the same as heretofore. The pleasures and perplexities, the discouragements and successes, keep at about their usual average. Results, as shown in the intellectual advancement of pupils, are seldom gratifying in a work which is necessarily so fragmentary. There are compensations, however, for in the house-to-house teaching, one becoming personally acquainted with pupils in their own homes, and listening to the story of their joys and sorrows, becomes friend and adviser, and can thus get more into the hearts of pupils, and have a greater influence over them, than if she saw them in school only.

The time of sending our annual reports—July 1—is in the midst of the Hindu marrying season. A wedding among them is a domestic event of such magnitude as quite to overshadow all affairs of an ordinary nature. For weeks in succession, the friends of bride and groom are quite absorbed, and any thing so trivial as regular daily lessons must be neglected. This partly accounts for the present small number of pupils—113. The entire number during the year has been considerably in excess of this. The number of teachers now employed is nine.

BALASORE ZENANA ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Grant-in-aid.....	300			By balance.....	92	15	
Dispensary for carriage...	72			Teachers.....	520		9
H. P. Phillips.....	129	1		Presents.....	3		
Various specials.....	56	10		Conveyances.....	292	1	6
Station subscriptions.....	113			Books.....	7		6
Pupils' fees.....	24	5		By balance.....	241	3	9
Books.....	3		6				6
Woman's Board.....	458	5					
To balance.....	241	3	6				
	1156	5	6		1156	5	6

JELLASORE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

"At the request of Mrs. Bacheler, at the time of our last yearly meeting," says Miss Nellie Phillips, "I took the charge of the Jellasure schools. Having seen them but once since then, I am poorly prepared to report on their condition. There are five schools, with 104 pupils. As all acquainted with the mission must know, we are short of workers, and therefore much of our work is receiving less attention than it should. Within one year, the mission has lost through death, illness, and furlough, eight workers. This fact will explain the reason of any deficiency in the work, and why our hopes of greater results have not been realized."

JELLASORE SCHOOL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance.....	31	10	6	Books for poor children..	1		
Present from Friend.....	25			Presents.....	10	11	
Woman's Board.....	163	14	6	Traveling expenses.....	4	12	
Local Board Grant.....	188			Sewing material.....	6	15	
Sale of garments.....	2	3	6	Teachers.....	331		6
To Balance.....	56	6	6	By balance.....	56	6	6
	410	12	6		410	12	6

CHANDBALI AND BHUDRUCK.

Mrs. Ager's report:—

In my financial report, I have given an account of all money received and expended from the time I took the work from

Mrs. Coldren, at the time of her leaving for America, in January, 1890. There were at Chandbali a Bible woman and assistant, at Bhudruck three Bible women and one assistant. Sudia is supported by a lady in America, and, until the end of last year, a society in Manchester supported Eliza. Then the subscription stopped, and since that time we have used the extra money collected for her support. I do not want to drop her, as she is a good Bible woman, but must do so unless some provision is made for her.

Being at Bhudruck, I have not been able to attend to the Chandbali work as thoroughly as I wished, but whenever I visited the place, I found faithful work was being done. Two Hindu women have been baptized at Bhudruck, and I do not doubt more would profess Christianity openly were it not for fear of their relatives and friends. Caste is the great drawback of this country.

The Bible women go out regularly, visiting each day two or three houses, and talking to ten or a dozen women each time. The Sunday-school has seventy names on the roll. The children appear interested in the school. They each receive, every Sunday, a little card, or a text in Oriya, and when each has twelve they are exchanged for a large one.

The school at Santipore is a Mohammedan one, and though it is generally very difficult to get devotees of this faith to attend any of our services, yet the children of this school come to our Sabbath school, and seem glad to do so. Chudpudda school is a Hindu one, but being so far from Bhudruck I have been obliged to move it, and have opened one at Pudhampore, which is much easier to get at. Two village schools had to be closed because the people refused to have their children learn the catechism.

On New Year's Day, both the Sunday and Mission school children received prizes, which pleased them very much. We are very grateful to those ladies who so kindly sent these gifts.

'The Bhudruck girls' school, having been taken by the mission, there is a balance on hand.

CHANDBALI AND BHUDRUCK.—MRS. S. M. AGER.—JANUARY, 1890, to JUNE 30, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Received as balance from				Ella to attend Y. M., 1890.	6		
Mrs. Coldren	115	12	10	Eliza ret. from Y. M. "	3		
From W. M. S.	278	4	1	Ludia's pay	99		
Int. on money in P. O. .	2	3	9	Eliza's pay.	93	8	
For Ludia	117	4	6	Bible Women's pay.	277		
" Eliza	60	8		Com. on money orders, receipts, stamps, ferry charges, etc.	7	1	6
Gov't grant, Ahurpudda school.	70			Teachers' pay, Bhudruck girls' school, Jan., Feb., Mar., 1890.	39		
Gov't grant, Bhudruck girls.	30			Teachers' pay, Ahurpudda school.	108		
Local subscriptions	94			Teacher's pay, Erie school	8		
Donations.	54			Teachers' pay, Sunkerpore school	36		
				Donation to chapel.	50		
				Sending Profiller to Calcutta	14	1	9
				Bible women attending Y. M., 1891.	15	13	
					756	8	3
				Balance on hand.	65	8	11
	822	1	2		822	1	2

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BHIMPORE.

Mrs. Stiles writes :—

This year has been one of great spiritual blessing to our mission; also one of deep sorrow. There has been a decided growth in numbers and in grace; there has also been much sadness at the loss of most valued workers.

A little more than a week ago we laid our little Edith away in the churchyard, after only a week of illness. It was hard; she was such a comfort to us in our lonely home. God is very good to us, and we can trust him, knowing that "he doeth all things well." He was good in sending us a little boy three weeks before he took Edie.

We were very glad to get the money by the last remittance for the Bhimpore work. We got two quarters from other sources, so the work is provided for till the end of March, 1892.

O for an outpouring of the Spirit that would fill us all with burning zeal for Christ; that would make men and women eager to come to India or go to Africa; and that would make other men and women eager to send them. How much it would simplify the work and lessen the burdens in carrying it on.

There is much to encourage here, and not the least among the encouragements is the assurance that so many are praying for us.

MIDNAPORE ZENANAS.

Dr. Mary Bacher writes :—

“The zenana work in Midnapore goes on as usual. I pray each morning with the teachers before they go to work, and every Saturday have a prayer-meeting with them. At this time I also take their reports for the week. Aside from this, I go inspecting when I can. To-day we resume school, after a long but unavoidable break. As rice is getting dear, I wish I could raise wages, but with only Rs. 30.5 on the book to commence the year with, do not dare to do this.”

Miss Mary speaks of the sickness that has been among them, affecting her mother and numbers of others, and adds : “Even I, who ought to keep well, have been feeling the effects of Jeppression and of getting badly wet one night, when I was called out to see a patient.

“Poor father is very much depressed at the lack of Bible School funds. He is afraid the school will have to be closed, and that will be terribly hard for him, for it is as the apple of his eye, the beloved child on which he has spent time and thought and care, and which has been so successful.

“This is the season of life and growth with us. Every thing moldable molds, rustable things rust, and nearly every thing degenerates rapidly. Insect life abounds,—big cockroaches, beetles, and grasshoppers among the more common kinds. At such a time, sickness takes a strong hold if it once gets a starting place.”

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891.

	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Totals.
Mrs. Pratt.....	8.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	3.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	4.0.0	.....	2.0.0	.....	.....	.....	25 0.0
Mrs. Scotland ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.0.0	.....	.....	.....	1.0.0	.....	1.0.0	4.0.0
Mrs. Munro.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	4.0.0	.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	24.0.0
Mrs. Ghose.....	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	2.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	1.0.0	13.0.0
K. C. Ghose.....	.....	.....	.....	5.0.0	.....	.....	.....	5.0.0	6.0.0	.....	.....	.....	11.0.0
Miss Coombs.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.0.0	.....	.....	.....	15.0.0
Mr. Dey.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	.....	8 0.0
Gov't grant.....	50.0.0	50.0.0	50.0.0	50.0.0	49.0.0	50.0.0	48.0.0	.....	100.0.0	.....	.....	150.0.0	597.0.0
W. M. S.....	126.6.6	.....	.....	120.0.9	.....	.....	132.6.3	.....	111.4.0	141.13.8	.....	.....	530.11.2
Specials.....	.....	.....	.....	240.0.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.13.0	4.6.0	.....	.....	151 4.0
Fees.....	1.5.6	2.1.0	2.9.6	1.14.9	1.3.6	.....	6.8.0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.13.3
Totals.....	188.12.0	57.1.0	57.9.6	431.15.6	55.3.6	56.3.6	189.14.3	6.0.0	139.1.0	152 3.8	6.0.0	155.0.0	1495.12.5

* Oct. 15. Gift to clear deficit.

† March 20. From the station, via Mrs. Munro.

MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1891.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
July, 1890*.....	316	4	9	February, 1891.....	107	15
August, 1890.....	117	10	6	March, 1891.....	107	8
September, 1890.....	104	8	.....	April, 1891.....	115	12
October, 1890.....	116	8	.....	May, 1891.....	110	8
November, 1890.....	110	12	.....	June.....	80	9
December, 1890.....	118	14	6	Total.....	1495	12
January, 1891.....	89	2	6			

* This includes Rs. 169.15.9 deficit at the end of the year, June 30, 1890.

THE HINDU GIRLS' SCHOOLS AT BALASORE.

Reported by Mrs. Boyer :—

The total enrollment for the year in the seven schools has been 280 ; of this number 264 were Hindus and the remainder Mohammedans. Eleven little girls went up for the Government examination, of whom ten were successful. One gained a scholarship ; another, though only seven years of age, was married. The women teachers have taken the yearly course of study arranged for the Bible women.

Motsai, the largest and probably most prosperous school, has 95 pupils and three teachers,—one Brahmin pundit, and two Christian women. The schoolhouse is large and commodious, and the tone of the school elevating. Miss N. M. Phillips has a thriving Sunday-school here.

Porameet has 37 enrolled. The teachers are a Hindu pundit and a Christian woman. Many of the children of this school are poor, but it has always ranked well. The children are more than ordinarily interested in the Bible lessons.

Manikham has 44 enrolled. It also has one Hindu and one Christian teacher. The attendance of the children at this school is very irregular. As they marry very young, and are not allowed to attend school after marriage, their time for education is limited.

Kasmilla.—A mile by road and a mile over rice-fields brings us to this school, which is in charge of a Christian teacher. She is a good woman and a successful teacher. The school numbers 30. The children are very poor, often eating but one meal a day. From this school, one or more pass successful examinations each year.

Remna, four miles from Balasore, is taught by a Hindu pundit. Being in a wicked and intensely heathen community, it is below the mark in scholarship and requirements in Bible knowledge. Efforts here have availed so little that, were it not for the hope that ultimately it may be a little light in

heathen darkness, I should take steps to close it. The last time I visited it, there were more hopeful signs than ever before.

Sahaja is five miles from Balasore. It, too, is in the midst of a strong heathen element. The house is built on land dedicated to the gods. From the door, I can count five heathen temples. Here are some of the dearest, brightest little girls that can be found in any of the schools. They can repeat the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the catechism very nicely. Four of these children passed this year, one of whom was but seven years of age. The teacher is a Hindu, and the enrollment 33.

Pardua Pada.—In this school there are but fifteen enrolled, and they are very, very poor. Their only clothing is a rag, and often they are obliged to fast all day. I am obliged to supply many books here, but books alone do not make good scholars. Emmy, the Christian teacher, though patient and faithful, sometimes gets discouraged. But the good seed has been sown unsparingly, and in Bible knowledge the pupils compare favorably with other schools.

MRS. BOYER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE W. M. S., JUNE 30, 1890, TO JUNE 30, 1891.

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance from last year..	3	10	3	Teachers' salaries.....	1141	7	
Woman's remittances...	713	8	10	Repairs on houses and			
Grant-in-aid	360			furniture.	91	6	
Municipal grant	120			Postage.. ..		4	
Stipendary grant.....	50			Rent on land.	2	8	
Sale of sanitary primers	9	15		Books for poor children..	9	5	9
" industrial work..	4	5	6	Push-push coolie for 3			
School fees	2	12		months.. ..	16	2	8
Garry hire by Rev. A. B.				Examination expenses...	6	5	
Boyer for nine months	72			Prizes	7	5	6
				Incidentals	1	3	6
				Garry hire.....	72		
	1336	3	6		1347	15	5
				Balance due	11	11	11

HARPER'S FERRY.**STORER COLLEGE.**

Instead of her usual report, Mrs. Lightner writes of a new phase of their school-work—relating to their summer boarding. An improvement has been made by organizing the pupils into a company, to carry on the work ; dividing the profits between the school owning the property and the students who do the work. She says :—

“The task of keeping our buildings and grounds in repair, to say nothing of improvements, has been beyond our power. We could not collect the money in rents from our pupils. Constantly begging from the churches is not agreeable. We have borne the censure of our friends, and the odium of being considered ‘slack’ because our halls did not present the appearance of institutions where thousands of dollars are expended annually in repairs and improvements.

“The idea of using our vacant rooms in summer is not new. The income derived from rent has often helped us over hard places, but this co-operative system is new. It was an experiment requiring the most careful treatment, but thus far has proved successful. The pupils engaged in the enterprise have performed their part in a manner creditable to themselves and the school. The Summit House has been crowded, and this, our advertised day of closing, finds us with sixty guests so unwilling to leave the attractions of Harper’s Ferry that we have consented to keep the house open a week longer. One of the guests has given the school a fine telescope, and the interest manifested in the school by all who come is extremely gratifying.

“This feature of our work gives us use for two sets of bedding, one for summer and another for winter. I call special attention to this, hoping that our Auxiliaries may remember us

in the future as they have so generously done in the past. The barrels of bedding have formed a valuable part of our outfit."

As Mrs Lightner's is the only communication received from Storer, no report can be given of the regular school work. But personal interviews with the principal of the school have given the secretary an assurance that the work of the year has been characterized by that energy and thoroughness in both teachers and pupils which have been so marked features of the school in the past.

The Sewing Department.—This department, under the supervision of Mrs. Boothby, is proving of great benefit to the pupils. Already the improvement in the personal appearance of the girls attests its value, and more and more, as time passes, will the importance of such a department be understood.

The Woman's Society still continues to provide a cooking-room, where the girls can attend to their simple cookery, and a study room, where warmth and light are provided for their physical comfort and needs, besides the support of Mrs. L. B. Lightner and Miss C. Franklin. A fund is also furnished for general needs in the school.

CHANGES.

It will be seen by the reports that important changes have occurred in the mission work during the past year. Mrs. Smith's failure in health, and consequent return to this country, made it necessary that some one should take her place at the Sinclair Orphanage, which for years she has so successfully superintended. The choice fell upon Miss Coombs. When one considers the untiring vigilance necessary in the management of such an institution, what heavy responsibilities must rest upon its superintendent, something of the sharpness of the trial which it was for her to leave her pleasant Midnapore work for one involving so constant care may be understood. But the sacrifice was made, and with her usual energy she is pursuing her new and trying work. That she will be success-

ful in that work, no one familiar with her past record can doubt.

The return of Miss Mary Bacheler to her old home was an occasion of joy, not only to her family, but to every member of the mission. With her old-time zeal, she has taken up her former work, and in addition, is pursuing the avocation for which during her residence in this country she was preparing,—that of a medical missionary.

REASONS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT.

At the last annual meeting of the Board, the appropriations for the work were largely increased and new responsibilities assumed. The fears that may have been felt, that a depleted treasury would be the result, have not been realized. On the contrary, the Auxiliaries, nobly responding to the extra calls, have, by their "Thank-Offerings" and other gifts, enabled our indefatigable treasurer to meet punctually all the claims on the Society.

Deeply grateful for this result, grateful to Him who has thus been leading us, on this our eighteenth anniversary we look hopefully into the future, confident that with stronger faith, yet broader paths will be constantly opening before us.

IN MEMORIAM.

Amid our gratitude for the blessings of the past, sadness mingles with our joy, for there is a vacant place in our ranks. The Woman's Society mourns the loss of one of its choicest spirits, the beloved Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Tourtellot. Closely associated as we have been for many years, it is meet that we should pause for a moment to pay a loving tribute to one whose admirable qualities endeared her to so many hearts and make her loss so deeply felt. Why one so useful in her constantly broadening sphere, one so needed at home and abroad, should have been cut off in the very prime of womanhood, is one of earth's mysteries.

Sadly we bow to the inevitable, praying that, profiting by her example, when life's sun sets for us behind the western hills, we too may die "as dies the Christian with his armor on."

REPORTS OF HOME SECRETARIES.

[*Mrs. Bessie D. Peckham, for New England.*]

MAINE.

MAINE ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. R. WADE, DOVER, ME.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. B. WEBBER, N. BERWICK, ME.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Anson	Mrs. Lydia Durrell.....	18	2	1	23	.....	16	\$32.41
Aroostook.....	Charles Preble.....	10	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	*49.00
Bowdoin.....	No organization.....	32	11	1	.....	.....	.....	*292.35
Cumberland....	Mrs. O. W. Fullam.....	18	9	4	186	166	75	225.00
Edgecomb....	No organization.....	10	1	.....	8	.....	6	15.00
Ellsworth.....	Mrs. Ella M. Smith.....	16	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.96
Exeter.....	Mrs. E. L. Tasker.....	18	5	2	40	25	25	93.39
Farmington....	Mrs. C. E. Tedford.....	21	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	*56.65
Houlton.....	Mrs. Henry Hall.....	13	1	1	.....	.....	.....	28.96
Mountville....	Miss Sadie H. Cotton...	11	1	.....	5	.....	.....	16.35
Otisfield.....	Mrs. E. H. Abbott.....	12	2	1	.....	.....	.....	48.25
Parsonfield...	Ellen M. Brown.....	12	4	2	44	.....	25	63.82
Prospect and Unity.....	Mrs. W. H. Coffin.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	*4.59
Springfield....	Mrs. Mary E. Whitney...	6	1	2	30	.....	16	11.58
Sebec.....	Mrs. F. E. Freese.....	14	4	1	46	13	.....	95.57
Waterville....	No organization.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
York.....	Mrs. H. C. Lowden.....	14	9	2	121	30	.....	260.43
Total		247	58	17	503	234	163	\$1322.31

* From HELPER.

It is just one year since the Woman's Missionary Societies of the three Yearly Meetings of Maine were united and became the Woman's Missionary Society of the Maine Association. In this time, marked progress has been made under the efficient leadership of our president, Mrs. M. R. Wade. Four new Q. M. Societies have been organized.

Nearly one thousand "mite boxes" have been sent out for use among the churches, and several hundred are awaiting distribution. It is yet too soon to learn the result of this endeavor, but it is earnestly hoped that it may prove successful.

From the Cumberland Q. M. secretary come the cheering words: "There is the best interest in the mission work in the churches of our Quarterly Meeting of any time in twenty years." Three churches that were not doing any mission work have raised the amount assigned them, besides doing more for home work. Amount apportioned the Quarterly Meeting, \$175; amount raised, \$225.

We regret that the largest and strongest Q. M. in the State for some time has had no Q. M. Society. Much work is being done among the several churches, but they need the enthusiasm of a well-organized, systematic Q. M. endeavor. We hope we may be able to report such a society in the Bowdoin Q. M. next year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NEW HAMPSHIRE YEARLY MEETING. — PRESIDENT, MRS. J. C. OSGOOD, ALTON, N. H.; SECRETARY, MRS. MINNIE B. HUNT, DANVILLE, N. H.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Belknap	Lizzie A. Sanborn.....	14	7	2	141	69	66	\$85.59
Lisbon.	Mrs. M. E. Dodge.....	8	2	....	40	.....	35	29.57
Merrimack Valley Asso.	G. S. Holruns	10	2					
New Durham.	Mrs. J. C. Osgood ...	21	5	1	88	17	54	162.77
Rockingham..	Mrs. W. C. Durgin.....	10	6	....	153	115	106	197.34
Sandwich.....	Mrs. C. E. Blake	19	4	4	40	.....	51	151.74
Wentworth....	No organization.							
Wolftboro.	Mrs. Julia F. Pray	11	1	....	33	.....	9	40.00
	Total	93	27	7	495	201	321	\$667.01

The secretary reports being unable to obtain a complete report.

VERMONT.

VERMONT YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. CHESTER DICKEY, WASHINGTON, VT.; SECRETARY, MISS ANNA A. CUMMINGS, MONTPELIER, VT.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Corinth	Mrs. C. Dickey	7	5	.....	35	.....	12	\$65.79
Enosburgh....	Mrs. J. W. Burgin.....	2	1	.....	6	.....	4	25.00
Huntington...	Mrs. E. W. Cummings..	12	3	1	15	10	8	57.60
Stansstead....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.00
Strafford.....	Mrs. J. S. Barrett	3	2	.....	25	.....	18	51.25
Wheelock.....	Mrs. G. M. Prescott.....	17	5	.....	40	.....	12	88.10
Total		41	16	1	121	10	54	\$298.74

Mrs. Dickey reports the annual meeting of the Vermont Society as one of great interest, our missionary, Mrs. Smith, being present. The delegates from the Auxiliary gave promise of better work for the year to come.

MASSACHUSETTS.

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. M. T. EMERY, CAMBRIDGEPORT, MASS.; SECRETARY, MRS. A. A. HOWARD, LOWELL, MASS.

Number of churches in Association.....	13
Number of Auxiliaries.....	5
Number of Bands.....	2

The secretary writes: "Of the thirteen churches in our Association, three are struggling to obtain a foothold. Of the other ten, some are so small that they do not think best to divide the mission work.

RHODE ISLAND.

RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ELLA H. ANDREWS, PROVIDENCE, R. I.; SECRETARY, MRS. C. W. GRIFFIN, SOUTH MILFORD, MASS.

Number of churches in Association.....	27
Number of Auxiliaries.....	11
Number of Bands.....	6
Number of Helpers taken.....	224
Amount raised.....	\$1200.00

The secretary reports that the Auxiliaries and Bands have failed to send her the number of members. The amount

raised is the full amount asked by our Woman's Mission Society at the beginning of the year, and is \$300 more than their usual annual apportionment. One of the Pawtucket Bands has taken a little girl in India to support over and above their apportionment. The mite boxes have been introduced this year, but with what success cannot yet be reported.

Miss Anthony sends a very encouraging report of the Bureau of Exchange, and thinks the India dialogue, by Miss Ida Phillips, will be ready by January, with its attendant costumes and curios.

[*Mrs. M. A. W. Bachelder, for West and South.*]

DAKOTA.

This State has now a Q. M. missionary society of its own, with three Auxiliaries and one Band. We extend a cordial welcome to this new member of our society.

INDIANA.

INDIANA STATE ASSOCIATION. — PRESIDENT, MRS. F. M. WATKINS, WOLF LAKE, IND.; SECRETARY, MRS. BELLE R. KENNAN, WAWAKA, IND.; TREASURER, MRS. E. A. FARQUHAR, RIDGEVILLE, IND.

Quarterly Meetings	6
Q. M. Secretaries	2
Number of churches	6
Number of Auxiliaries	2
Number of members.	51
Number of Helpers taken	16
Amount raised	\$89.45

A society has been formed in connection with the State Association, and starts out hopefully. The interest in missions is on the increase.

ILLINOIS.

The secretary of the Illinois Yearly Meeting writes that owing to sickness in her family she has been unable to obtain reports. The present secretary is Mrs. Sarah Thayer, Mendon, Adams Co., Ill.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. HATTIE GORDON, CAMPBELL HILL, ILL.; SECRETARY, MISS AMANDA MILNER, JOHNSONVILLE, ILL.; TREASURER, MISS IDA HAWK, JEFFERSONVILLE, ILL.

Number of churches.....	47
Number of Auxiliaries (20 organized) reported.....	7
Number of members of Auxiliaries.....	81
Number of Helpers taken.....	5
Amount raised.....	\$300.00

IOWA.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. THERA B. TRUE, EDGEWOOD, CLAYTON CO., IA.; SECRETARY, MISS M. V. TOOTHAKER, GLENDALE, JEFFERSON CO., IA.; TREASURER, MRS. H. J. BROWN, SPENCER, CLAY CO., IA.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Delaware and Clayton.....	Mrs. Thera B. True.....	9	4	2	31	39	20	\$66.32
Little Sioux Valley.....	Mrs. L. M. Calkins.....	5	5	....	91	....	13	239.10
Van Buren.....	Mrs. A. L. Hopkirk.....	4	1	....	10	....	7	19.00
Cedar Valley..	Mrs. N. Willson.....	8	5	....	90	....	10	102.90
Waterloo.....	Mrs. E. J. Merritt.....	7	3	1	44	10	10	50.20
Wapsipicon.	Mrs. Mary Cattell.....	6	4	....	60	....	5	105.30
Ringgold Co..	Mrs. Jennie Hitchcock...	3	3	1	50	40	1	196.84
	Yearly Meeting collection	....	....	....	....	....	....	8.25
	Total	42	25	4	376	89	66	\$787.91

This State has adopted Mrs. Miner as its missionary, and uses its Foreign Mission funds for her support. Its success in raising the full amount of her salary has encouraged the workers and led them to plan for greater things.

NEBRASKA.

NEMAHA (NEBRASKA) YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MISS DELLA ROOT, WEEPING WATER, CASS CO., NEB.; SECRETARY, MISS NELLIE WILLIAMS, WEEPING WATER, CASS CO., NEB.; TREASURER, MISS LORA CRANGLE, HOLMESVILLE, NEB.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Hastings. . . .	Mrs. Ettie Carr.....	9	3	....	29	....	4	\$47.40
Nemaha.....	Miss Nellie Williams...	5	4	1	44	....	6	312.82
Jefferson.....	No report.....	5	....	....	....	....	....	....
	Total	19	7	1	73	....	10	\$360.22

From word received from the new State president we feel sure another year will see much aggressive work done in Nebraska.

KANSAS.

NORTHERN KANSAS YEARLY MEETING. — PRESIDENT, MRS. N. L. ABBEY, HALF WAY, KAN.; SECRETARY, MRS. N. A. SPAULDING, HADDAM, KAN.; TREASURER, MRS. L. E. COX, HORTON, KAN.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Salem.....	Mrs. S. P. Belden. ..	3	3	....	37	.....	11	\$90.09
Cloud and Republic.....	Mrs. M. E. Pratt.....	5	4	1	62	18	3	109.19
Washington..	Mrs. Mary Welch	1	1	....	14	.....	2	32.95
"	Miss Lola Malaby.....	1	1	....	10	.....	....	5.10
Blue Valley...	Miss M. E. Hanlin.....	3	1	....	17	.....	1	39.03
Phillips and Osborne.	.....	2	....	....	....	....	1	2.10
	Yearly Meeting collection	....	....	....	....	....	....	5.78
	Total	15	10	1	140	18	18	\$254.24

Of this, \$124.80 was used for Home Missions, \$42.50 for Foreign Missions; balance in treasury at time of report. Excellent aggressive work has been done in Kansas during the past year. Sister Abbey has traveled in the interest of the mission work since the 1st of September, nearly 1,800 miles, much of it by private conveyance. This is the work that tells.

MINNESOTA.

MINNESOTA YEARLY MEETING. — PRESIDENT, MRS. H. C. KEITH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.; SECRETARY, MRS. C. W. DENNIS, JANESVILLE, MINN.; TREASURER, MRS. R. D. FROST, WINNEBAGO CITY, MINN.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	No. of Members of Auxiliaries.	No. of Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Hennepin.....	Mrs. M. S. Herrick	8	8	2	120	39	52	\$288.39
Winnebago...	Mrs. F. L. Durgin.....	14	9	1	142	20	31	759.12
Winona and Houston...	Mrs. H. M. McElroy	3	4	1	51	40	18	111.19
South Dakota.	Miss. R. H. Palmer.....	4	2	1	....	27	....	18.55
St. Croix .....	.....	5	1	....	15	....	....	36.55
	Yearly Meeting collection	....	....	....	....	....	....	7.50
	Received by Bands .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41.33
	Total	34	24	5	328	126	101	\$1262.78

The president has done much in the State by correspondence ; the secretary, by visiting during the year.

MISSOURI.

We hope before another report to hear directly from our sisters in Missouri. The following is taken from *The Free Baptist*: "The W. M. S. of the F. B. church of Bismarck, Mo., is prospering. The interest is increasing and more work is being done. The society hopes to be able to contribute something to the general work in the near future. We send fraternal greetings to sister societies, and ask your prayers, sympathy, and advice in the work."

WISCONSIN.

WISCONSIN YEARLY MEETING.—PRESIDENT, MRS. ALICE HULSE, WHITEWATER, WIS.; SECRETARY, MRS. W. K. JACKSON, RACINE, WIS.; TREASURER, MRS. E. H. TRUE, FAIRWATER, WIS.

Quarterly Meetings.	Q. M. Secretaries.	No. of Churches.	No. of Auxiliaries.	No. of Bands.	Members of Auxiliaries.	Members of Bands.	No. of Helpers taken.	Amount Raised.
Fond du Lac..	Mrs. M. Lussenden.							
Honey Creek..	Mrs. O. D. Moon.							
Rock & Dane.	Miss Carrie Johnson.							
Waupun	Mrs. W. Whiting.							
Lafayette.								
Sauk County.								
Total.....		37	18	....	.....	.....	.....	\$984.45

These societies pay their funds to the parent board in support of Mr. and Mrs. Coldren, and are the medium by which their salaries are raised. Winneconne has a flourishing society, auxiliary to the Woman's Society. It has raised during the past year \$47.90, and the Mission Band \$15.29, making a total of \$63.19. The W. M. S. appropriated \$37.90 for Foreign Missions and \$10 to Home Missions, \$5 to Harper's Ferry, and \$5 to Nebraska. The Band appropriated \$5.29 to Foreign and \$10 to Home work in Nebraska. The Auxiliary holds monthly meetings. The mission band meets twice a month.

A profitable meeting was held in connection with the Thank Offering.

OUR GENERAL AGENT.

Mrs. Burlingame has been at work as general agent about nine months. In that time she has visited five Y. M's, eleven Q. M's, given seventy addresses and sermons. Many "specials" have come in. Prayers have been offered at baptisms, at church dedications, and young people's meetings. Mrs. Burlingame represented our society at the National Woman's Council at Indianapolis. From winter snows in Michigan to summer heat and drought in Illinois, our sister has gone on with undaunted spirit in this chosen work. This is too soon to know the fruitage of a General Agent's work, but enough can be seen to make it evident that the Lord was in this new departure of the Woman's Society. Of the States within the province of this report, she has visited Indiana, Wisconsin, Dakota, Iowa, and Illinois. The other States will be reached as fast as possible. We ask for her the earnest prayers and hearty co-operation of all. Let us not forget that this is hard work, a giving up of home life with its comforts and chances for rest, and plan for her some rest hours in quiet places in our own homes.

The efficient work of Mrs. Kennan, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Reeves, and Mrs. Abbey, has accomplished much, and is reported by the Western Committee. Three important points in aggressive work for which we should push seem to be, more personal work such as our agents have been doing, fuller reports, and a large increase of subscribers for the *HELPER*. One secretary writes, "Our women have worked nobly this year, only failing in one thing,—they will not report. If we would just be faithful in the 'little things'! There are many

encouraging features in the work. We take courage to strive for higher ground.

[*Miss C. L. Bacon, for the Interior.*]

Michigan has done nobly this year. The two Woman's Societies met at Lansing (in connection with the Michigan Association), Nov. 12, 1890, and united by organizing the W. M. S. of the Michigan Association. At this place they had a large and enthusiastic meeting. They planned to raise \$1,500; \$600 for the salary of Dr. Mary Bachelor, whom they adopted as their missionary; \$600 for Home Missions, to be divided as follows: \$150 for the General W. M. S.; \$50 for Western work; \$150 for the State Agent (H. M. Ford), and the remainder to be used in sending a lady among the churches in the State to increase the interest in missions, also \$300 was to be raised for the Education Society. A little later the executive committee met with Mrs. Bachelder at Hillsdale and planned their year's work; apportioning the amount to be raised in each Q. M. Many letters have been written and sent to the women throughout the State urging for activity and for a special meeting for prayer asking God to bless this year's work. Also a printed mid-year greeting and plea was sent out by the officers of the Association Society. In view of the change of officers, plans of work, etc., a full report of work could hardly be expected this year, but results prove it to be a very successful year's work in Michigan, and much advancement has been made in the cause of Christ.

The society sent Miss Lizzie Moody to different Q. M.'s, where she labored successfully for thirty-three days. The society also has a register, and each lady in attendance at the Association is requested to write her name, post-office, and Q. M., that they may know each other better.

Miss Bacon reports that it has been impossible for her to secure reports from other States within her territory.

REPORT OF WESTERN COMMITTEE.

Another missionary year, with all its opportunities and obligations, has passed away, and it is but meet we look back and see what has been accomplished for the dear Master in whose vineyard we labor. As we glance backward and see how graciously the Father has blessed the work and workers, we can but rejoice that he has given us something to do towards the salvation of the world.

In some parts of the West the work has been difficult, but we have been assured by the workers there that they feel well paid for all their toils when they see the interest aroused, and when they remember it is for Jesus' sake.

Indiana has had efficient help through Rev. Ada Kennan, who has spent thirty-eight days in the field, visiting churches and encouraging the Auxiliaries that were organized, and organizing societies.

Illinois did not receive all the help your committee had planned for this year. Sister Kennan was to visit its churches, but was prevented by sickness and death in her family, which so wore upon her physical strength that she was compelled to seek needed rest away from all work for a season.

Wisconsin has had some work done within its borders. The St. Croix Q. M., which belongs to the Minn. Y. M., has been visited by Mrs. McElroy, of Minn., who has done good service there. Our general agent also visited portions of the State, and was present at the Yearly Meeting. Winneconne Auxiliary and Band are still at work in the cause they have learned to love. The greater portion of Wisconsin is not auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society, but the women are doing good work through the parent board.

Minnesota is still doing aggressive work. The president, Mrs. Keith, has by correspondence tried to keep the Auxiliaries interested. The secretary, Mrs. McElroy, has kept her own Q. M. wide-awake, beside doing several days' work among

other Q. M's. She writes that the members of the Auxiliary at Money Creek pledged themselves to make some sacrifice for missions, and the treasurer kept an account of the sacrifice money. One Auxiliary informed her they were about to disband; she urged them not to do so until they had made it a subject of prayer. They complied with her request, and after their next meeting informed her that two new members had come into their society, and they never had so hopeful a prospect.

Iowa has had a new experience this year in raising the salary of their missionary, Mrs. Miner. Mrs. True, the president, has done "what she could," through correspondence and printed circulars, sent to each of her Auxiliaries, urging the sisters to greater diligence, that they might receive greater blessings. Mrs. Reeves has spent some weeks in this State in evangelistic and mission work. Mrs. True informs us the interest in missions is increasing in the State.

Dakota has now a Q. M. W. M. S. of its own which was organized in June, consisting of two Auxiliaries and one Band, with Mrs. Rowland, of Sioux Falls, for its president. From this beginning we trust a good abiding interest may grow, until it permeates all South Dakota.

Nebraska has had but little work done there this year. Mrs. Reeves spent a few days in the State, but found the sisters somewhat discouraged. The new president, Miss Della Root, whose heart has long been in the work, says there are so few Auxiliaries and so little interest. We trust the discouraging features to the cause of missions may soon disappear, and that a more lively interest may be felt in the Woman's Missionary Society.

Kansas has been highly favored in having Mrs. N. L. Abbey's help among the churches. This dear sister has given thirty-four days to the work, often riding over the country with her husband, with their own conveyance, thus saving traveling expenses. She has not only visited all the churches in her own

Y. M. (Northern Kansas) but also the Phillips and Osborne Q. M., 75 miles west, which is not connected with any Y. M., and where she received a collection of \$2.10, the first they ever gave for missions. This Q. M. consists of five churches and three ministers. One of these ministers said to her, "Yes, we do need help of all kinds, but our people are so poor they will have a hard time to keep their homes and their families together until they try to raise another crop." Mrs. Abbey adds, "It is a query how people can live here at all, for last year's crop was a total failure. A great many are moving away. The same can be said of Western Nebraska." Mrs. A. has also been trying through correspondence to arouse the sisters in the Southern Kansas Y. M. to a better interest in missions. She feels sure the mission societies can accomplish a vast amount of good in Kansas and Nebraska. Their great need is more pastors and able preachers. She says, "Had we *these*, the sisters would all put their shoulders to the wheel and work with new zeal;" but adds, "as it is I feel much encouraged with the manner in which our sisters are helping. We have raised in Northern Kansas Y. M., for different objects, \$263.71, besides sending some help to the needy churches visited."

Missouri has not been forgotten by our committee, although we have sent no worker there this year. We feel the work done there last year by Mrs. Reeves is still influencing the sisters to noble thoughts and deeds.

Mississippi, where we have two W. M. S. among our colored sisters, has not been heard from this year. But from the tone of a letter received near the close of last year we believe they are still interested in the cause.

We cannot close this report without a grateful recognition of Sister Burlingame's work throughout the West. It was our privilege to visit several places with her in Minnesota, and rejoiced that so many had the benefit of her earnest words on so many different phases of Christian work and living. Also the

labors of Sisters Kennan, Reeves, and Abbey deserve especial mention,—the former traveling 942 miles by rail, 56 by carriage, and 37 on foot, making a total of 1035 miles. She gave 34 addresses, and organized 13 Auxiliaries. Mrs. Reeves gave 45 days' work, organized 2 Auxiliaries, and held 85 meetings. Mrs. Abbey travelled 900 miles, visited 16 churches, and has her entire Y. M. organized and well at work.

We are extremely grateful for the continued aid of the general society, which has enabled us to push the work further and further on the frontier. We have tried during these years to use the money as judiciously as possible, and as impartially among the States as circumstances permitted workers to enter the field. Amid the many calls for help we have sometimes felt that it needed greater wisdom than we possessed to decide rightly where it should be used. This year it has been entirely used in creating an increased interest in missions. God has blest our work through all these years. Each year finds our field enlarging, the interest growing broader and deeper, and the workers increasing. But as we look over the fields waiting for workers, our cry is still, "Lord, send forth laborers into thy vineyard."

MRS. A. A. MCKENNEY,

Chairman Western Com.

THE MISSIONARY HELPER.

REPORT OF PUBLISHER. *

A *resume* of the year finds but little of change to report. Our magazine goes regularly on its monthly visits to about the same number of subscribers that it did when last reported.

Efforts have been made to increase the circulation, but with unsatisfactory results. We feel to emphasize the need, so often urged, that a much larger support should be given THE MISSIONARY HELPER, as our *own* missionary publication. Much faithful work, looking to placing the HELPER in the hands of more readers, has been done by presidents and others in State and Yearly Meeting Societies, both East and West, and some results have been realized. This work needs to be continuously pressed. Subscriptions can commence at any time, and constant effort should be made to increase the list.

The departments of the magazine have been changed somewhat during the year. The Home Department has given place to one entitled Practical Christian Living, which has been full of instruction to those who desire that whatsoever they do, all should be to the glory of God. A Young People's Department has been introduced, bringing in articles of special help to young people. One of the most valuable features of the year is the publication of the Young People's Normal Mission Leaflet, prepared by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey. We have reason to be grateful to Mrs. Ramsey that she has used her ready pen and her familiarity with our work in the foreign field to arrange this series of six normal lessons, which are equally appropriate to be used either in Auxiliary meetings or in Children's Bands.

The December issue was made a report number, other articles giving place to the Annual Reports of the Society. So far as known this departure was well received by our subscrib-

ers, and resulted in a more general reading of the reports than usual. We hope it will be deemed advisable to continue the December issue as a report number.

Our financial condition is about the same as last year. The present number of subscribers is not sufficient to pay expenses, and we have been assisted by a loan from the Society. We regret such a necessity and believe that our efforts should be given to so increasing the number of subscribers that the magazine would be on a firm financial basis.

WORK AMONG CHILDREN.

FRANCES STEWART MOSHER.

OUR report this year must be mainly of planning, though we have found no plan which will adapt itself to all parts of our denomination. We have endeavored to encourage the maintenance of children's meetings and Mission Bands, wherever they have been formed. In Michigan, especially, a plan is in successful operation for Mission Bands in connection with the Sunday-schools.

It is our desire that each Auxiliary shall appoint some officer whose duty it shall be to see that the children and young people of that church are interested in missions and other church work through some organization, to which they shall report, and through that to Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, and thus to the General Secretary.

We find great interest everywhere in this children's work, and we believe it to be one of the most hopeful departments to secure permanency of mission work.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 1891.

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To Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1890		\$659 74
" from donation of Mrs Mary Ann Prescott . . .	\$1,500 00	
" " estate of Mrs. Sarah Hanson	402 29	
" for Foreign Missions, including zenanas, schools, and Bible women, at Midnapore	496 95	
" " Foreign Missions, including zenanas . . .	615 69	
" " Foreign Missions, including schools, teachers, and Orphanage at Balasore	558 67	
" " Chandbali	31 25	
" " Bhimpore	29 30	
" " Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary	297 76	
" " Miss L. Coombs's salary	156 73	
" " Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary	241 92	
" " Miss Ella M. Butts's salary	316 52	
" " Miss H. P. Phillips's salary	388 01	
" " Mrs. Miner's salary	268 13	
" " Home Missions, including Western work, and Storer College	317 75	
" " Mrs. Burlingame's salary	131 00	
" " Mrs. L. Lightner's salary	308 13	
" " Miss C. Franklin's salary	367 75	
" " Mrs. Boothby's salary	118 60	
" from the Western Committee	60 00	
" for outfit and passage of missionaries	1 00	
" " Incidental Fund	23 26	
" from Educational Bureau note	45 00	
" " interest on money loaned	47 76	
" for General Fund	1,666 86	
(Total receipts for yearly expenditures, \$8,390.33)		
To cash for Western work, special act	165 69	
" " Literature Fund	5 00	
" " blinds for Myrtle Hall	2 50	
(Total receipts for special appropriations, \$173.19.)		
Total receipts		\$8,563 52
Total to account for		\$9,223 26

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By cash for Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary to October 1 . .	\$300 00
" " Mrs. D. F. Smith's return passage	297 60
" " Miss H. Phillips's salary	400 00
" " Miss E. M. Butts's salary	400 00
" " Miss E. M. Butts, on account	3 00
" " Miss L. Coombs's salary	400 00
" " Dr. M. Bachelor's salary	434 95
" " Mrs. Miner's salary	300 00
" " zenana work at Midnapore, in charge of Dr. M. Bachelor	200 00
" " Industrial and Ragged Schools, and Bible women in charge of Miss E. M. Butts	400 00
" " zenanas, Balasore, in charge of Dr. N. Phillips	200 00
" " Bible women, Balasore, in charge of Mrs. L. C. Griffin	75 00
" " Orphanage, Balasore	356 00
" " Orphanage assistant	150 00
" " Hindu Girls' School, Balasore, in charge of Mrs. Boyer	270 00
" " day school, Bible woman and repairs, Bala- sore	75 00
" " Hanson School	25 00
" " rents at Midnapore and Balasore	200 00
" " work at Chandbali and Bhudruck, in charge Mrs. Ager	75 00
" " work at Jellasure, in charge Dr. N. Phillips	62 00
" " work at Bhimpore in charge of Mrs. Stiles	160 00
" " Coralie Franklin's salary	400 00
" " Mrs. L. Lightner's salary	400 00
" " Mrs. Boothby's salary	258 33
" " traveling expenses of Mrs. Boothby	30 00
" " Mrs. E. S. Burlingame's salary	433 33
" " traveling expenses of Mrs. Burlingame	154 13
" " woman's department at Storer College	400 00
" " Western work	100 00
" " printing reports	129 94
" " printing receipts in Register	25 00
By cash for loan to HELPER	170 06
" " Incidental Fund	80 02
" " services of Treasurer for August	20 83
" " loan	1,000 00

(Total for yearly appropriations, \$8385.19.)

By cash for Western work, special act	\$165 69
" " Literature Fund	5 00
" " blinds Myrtle Hall	2 50
" " money loaned	250 00
(Total for special appropriations, \$423.19.)	
Total disbursements	\$8,808 38
Cash on hand Aug. 31, 1891	414 88
Total accounted for	\$9,223 26

INVESTMENTS.

B. C. Reynolds' loan	\$500 00
W. F. Pearson's loan	300 00
N. H. Green's loan	1,000 00
Robert Scott's loan	425 00
Ream's loan	500 00
Debenture bond	100 00
Stafford Co. Savings Bank	263 84
Total	\$3,088 84
Invested Funds:—	
Working Capital	671 95
Hebbard Fund	500 00
Sanitary Fund	166 89
Hanson Fund	500 00
Prescott Fund	1,000 00
Money belonging to regular work	250 00
Total as above	\$3,088 84

LAURA A. DEMERITTE, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and well vouched, and the investments the same as above stated.

MRS. E. B. CHAMBERLIN, *Auditor.*

Receipts from the following sources:—

Maine	\$1,564 14
New Hampshire	1,417 85
Rhode Island	950 53
Michigan	644 29
Massachusetts	399 17
Minnesota	320 60
Vermont	283 26
Iowa	272 63
Kansas	146 05
Wisconsin	96 43

South Dakota	\$62 63
Ohio	59 54
Illinois	58 45
Indiana	56 79
New York	53 50
Province of Quebec	49 52
Nebraska	23 29
Pennsylvania	21 00
Nova Scotia	6 00
California	5 00
Oregon	2 00
Miscellaneous	75 80
Donations	1,500 00
Bequest	402 29
Note account	45 00
Interest	47 76
Total	\$8,563 52

NOTE.—Will readers please note that the financial quarters of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society close with November 30, February 28, May 31, and August 31. On these dates remittances to India are due.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1892.

Midnapore.

Mrs. Miner's salary	\$300 00
Dr. Mary Bachelor's salary	400 00
Miss E. M. Butts's salary	400 00
Dr. Mary Bachelor's zenanas	215 00
Miss E. M. Butts's Industrial and Ragged Schools	375 00
Miss E. M. Butts's Bible women	85 00

Balasore.

Miss Coombs's salary	\$400 00
Miss Coombs's Orphanage	356 00
Miss Coombs's assistant	125 00
Miss Coombs's day school, Bible women, and repairs	75 00
Dr. Nellie Phillips's zenanas	200 00
Mrs. Boyer's Hindu girls' school	270 00
Dr. Nellie Phillips's rent	100 00
Mrs. L. C. Griffin's Bible women	75 00

Bhimpore.

Work by Mrs. Stiles	\$80 00
(She has \$80.00 in advance, making \$160.00 in all.)	
Work by Dr. Nellie Phillips	62 00

Chandbali and Bhudruck.

Work by Mrs. Ager	\$75 00
Mrs. D. F. Smith's salary from June 1, 1891, to Oct. 31, 1892 . . .	366 67
Miss Hattie Phillips's salary	400 00
(Traveling expenses to India additional.)	
Mrs. E. S. Burlingame's salary	650 00
(Traveling expenses among the churches additional.)	

Harper's Ferry, W. Va.

Miss C. Franklin's salary	\$400 00
Mrs. L. Lightner's salary	400 00
Mrs. K. M. Boothby's salary	300 00
(Traveling expenses to Harper's Ferry and return additional.)	
Treasurer's salary	250 00
(Traveling expenses for purely Treasurer's business additional.)	
Industrial department Storer College	400 00
Reports and Register Statements asked for by Publishing Committee	100 00
Total	<u>\$6,859 67</u>

HELPS FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

[For answers, study reports in this number.]

WHY is it desirable for Auxiliaries to study the annual reports?

When and where was the annual meeting of the F. B. Woman's Missionary Society held?

What States were represented in the exercises of the first meeting, and in what way?

What action was taken in the interest of the MISSIONARY HELPER?

Give points of interest from addresses in the public meeting.

[For extracts from President's address, see November HELPER.]

What did Mrs. West propose?

Read the report of the committee on Consolidation.

Will this make any difference in our work during the coming year? (Answer. It will not, as no new basis of work is yet planned.)

Give the report of the committee on Children's Work?

Note the resolutions on the death of Mrs. A. B. Tourtellot, recording secretary.

What report does the corresponding secretary give?

Give the main points in Miss Combs's report. Her work during first part of the year. In the Sinclair Orphanage.

Tell about the work of Miss Butts: Ragged Schools, Industrial School, Bible women.

Where is Dr. Mary Bacheler located, and what of the zenana work there?

What does Dr. Nellie Phillips write of Balasore zenanas?

What interferes with number of pupils?

How many scholars in Mrs. Boyer's schools?

What religions do they represent?

Give items of interest about the different schools.

What is the report about Jellasore schools?

What is Mrs. Ager's work, and what report of it?

Give Mrs. Stiles's suggestions.

What change in plans at Storer College does Mrs. Lightner report?

What are the departments of work sustained by the Woman's Society?

Report changes in the mission, and reasons for encouragement.

How many States are reported by the home secretaries?

What items of interest can you give from their reports?

From the report of the Western committee, give the story of last year's work in the West.

What great need does the publisher of the MISSIONARY HELPER report?

How much money was raised by our W. M. S. last year, as reported by the treasurer?

When do the financial quarters close?

If I can only place one little brick in the pavement of the Lord's pathway, I will place it there, that coming generations may walk thereon to the heavenly city.—*Phillips Brooks.*

SET thyself in the lowest place, and the highest shall be given thee; for the more lofty the building is designed to be, the deeper must the foundations of it be laid.—*Thomas a Kempis.*

SOME one with love for the downtrodden says: "Say not how much but how little is being done for the women of India, —30,000,000 women! There is one woman working for every quarter of a million of those poor women.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE at first intended to print a report of work done and addresses given as general secretary, but as the continued report for the year has been included under "Editorial Wanderings," and is also epitomized in "Report of Secretary for the West," it seems not best to use the room for further notice of it. . . . On our desk are two piles of articles waiting for admission to the HELPER pages. They include articles for all the departments. Friends of the HELPER, we need to have more room. Something important is crowded out of almost every number. Shall not this year be a movement forward, and a sufficient number of subscribers be added to warrant enlargement? A thousand new names on the list will enable the publishers to enlarge. This means a few from each Auxiliary. The thing can be done if we are in earnest and attempt it. The new plan should be at once in operation. *Yearly Meeting Presidents*, do you realize that with *you* rests the responsibility of inaugurating the movement, by appointing a wide-awake Yearly Meeting agent, whose duty it shall be to see that agents are appointed in each Quarterly Meeting; the latter to be informed that they *are to be responsible* for the appointment of an agent *in each church* in the Quarterly Meeting? Now the way to do a thing is to do it. Let us see how much energy Free Baptist women have. . . . *Dear children*, we have some very interesting exercises for you that have been crowded out of the last two numbers. We did not mean to have it so, and hope that not one number during 1892 will fail to have something interesting for you. We wish you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a *New Year* that shall be a glad, happy one for 365 days, because you will find out how blessed it is to help others.

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